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The death penalty has been proclaimed for a long list of offenses against public order, especially agitation and strikes in industry and schools. Public meetings and parades are prohibited.

A special hunt is being conducted for CCP special agents. Every effort is being made to preserve peace and order on the island in face of mounting apprehension of CCP action against it.

DEFENSE MEASURES TAKEN IN NEW TERRITORIES -- Wua Shang Pao, 6 Jun 49

Hong Kong authorities are vigorously preparing the defenses of the New Territories. In addition to defense works around all military installations and police offices, they are digging trenches along the Chinese border. Telephone connections with a garrison post nearby in Chinese territory have been set up so that in case fugitives from the law flee into Chinese territory, Chinese authorities can be notified to assist in apprehending and returning them.

In May 1949 the British Air Force established a radio outpost at P'ing-aham Bridge for liaison work with the military police of the New Territories. The set-up consists of three radio transmission and receiving trucks and two power unit trucks with a staff of eight men operating day and night.

At present there are more than 2,000 British troops in the New Territories.

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